Drive against exporters in Delhi

3121. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gcvern-jment- recently started its dehoarding drive against rice exporters in the capital;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Mini-. -stry _ of Commerce has expressed its con cern at the propects of fall in export of rice as a result of the drive;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of : rice exporters are carrying on their business without licence; and

(d) if so, steps being taken by Go vernment in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Delhi Administration conducted dehoarding checkings from 24-1-92 to 1-2-92 at different places belonging to 18 trader including rice ex-- porters.

(b) The Ministry has no such information.

(c) and (d) The exporters, functioning without a licence, have been advised to obtain a licence and abide by the law in future.

Sri Lankan and Bangladesh refugees

4122. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of food being consumed by Sri Lankan, Tamil refugees and refugees who have come from Bang- ladesh; and

(b) the month and yearwise details hereof during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Allocations of rice and wheat from the Central Pool to various States/Union Territories for the public distribution system are meant for the State as a. whole and the distribution within the State* including its coverage and scale of issue to the consumers, is decided by the concerned State Government! Union Territory. The Central Government does not monitor the actual distribution of rice and wheat by any . - State | Union Territory for the consumption by- Sri Lankan, Tamil refugees and refugees who have come from Bangladesh.

Production of Sugar

4123. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a phenomenal increase in the production of sugar this year;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to increase its export; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Sugar production during 1991-92 season till 29.2.1992 aggregated to 77.46 lakh tonnes (Provisional) . as against 71.77 lakh tonnes till the end of February in 1990-91 season.

(b) and (c) Government had earlier approved export of 5.61 lakh tonnes of sugar. It has recently been decided to allow a further quantity of 2.5 lakh tonnes of sugar for export.

Sick sugar mills in the country

@4124. SHRI AIIT P. K, JOGI:
KUMARI ALIA:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of suck sugar mills in the country, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for increase in the number of sick sugar mills in the country;

(c) the names and number of sick sugar mills which have been revived or

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